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End Haiti occupation, urges Libertarian Party

WASHINGTON, DC — The Libertarian Party today praised President Bill Clinton for avoiding the bloodshed of an armed invasion of Haiti, but urged an immediate and total withdrawal of American troops from that troubled Caribbean nation.

“Whether we use force, threats, or diplomacy, we have no business occupying another sovereign nation. Whether our explanation is compassion or imperialism, this is not our crisis. Whether it’s for one week or one year, American troops don’t belong in Haiti,” said Steve Dasbach, Chairman of America’s third-largest political party.

“And despite Clinton’s claims that this invasion was needed to maintain America’s credibility, the only real way to re-establish our nation’s credibility is to make a firm commitment to stop meddling in the affairs of other nations,” he said. “The first down-payment on that credibility should be an immediate withdrawal of our troops from Haiti.”

Dasbach also noted the ironic timing of the Haiti occupation.

“On Saturday, the last American troops to leave Somalia arrived back in the United States. On Monday, the first American troops were entering Haiti. There were just 48 hours when we weren’t engaged in the ‘compassionate’ occupation of another nation. Frankly, we’re tired of so-called government compassion that costs American taxpayers billions of dollars and puts American lives needlessly at risk. All we’ve done is traded Mogadishu for Port-au-Prince — traded one unsolvable foreign crisis for another,” said Dasbach.

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